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Ms. Dove, Filed October 21, 1998

Enclosed is a response to the Final Office Action Dated 10/30/00.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Esther S. Takeuchi et al.

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Examiner: T. Dove

For: Wound element Electrode Assembly Design
For Use in Prismatic Case Electrochemical Cells

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October, 30, 2000, Paper No. 10, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claims 1, 5, 8, 16 in amended form as follows: